

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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In the Matter of )  
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Lifeline and Link Up Reform and )  
Modernization )  
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WC Docket No. 11-42

**RCN TELECOM SERVICES (LEHIGH) LLC NOTICE OF INTENT TO FORBEAR  
FROM OFFERING LIFELINE BROADBAND SERVICES**

RCN Telecom Services (Lehigh) LLC,<sup>1</sup> (RCN or the Company) is designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) for the purpose of receiving Lifeline support in Pennsylvania.<sup>2</sup> In accordance with the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) Lifeline Modernization Order<sup>3</sup> and Forbearance Guidance Public Notice,<sup>4</sup> RCN hereby notifies the Commission of its intent to avail itself of the Commission's forbearance from the requirement to offer Lifeline broadband services

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<sup>1</sup> The Company previously was incorporated and provided services as RCN Telecom Services, Inc. The Commission approved the name change to RCN Telecom Services (Lehigh) LLC as part of a corporate reorganization on May 21, 2010. *See* Public Notice, "International Authorizations Granted," Report No. TEL-01432, DA No. 10-1011 (rel. June 3, 2010).

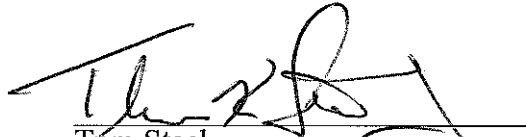
<sup>2</sup> The PUC designated RCN as a Lifeline-only ETC by an order issued in April 1999 in Docket No. P00981578.

<sup>3</sup> *See Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 16-38 (rel. Apr. 27, 2016) (Lifeline Modernization Order).

<sup>4</sup> *See Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted By Lifeline Modernization Order*, WC Docket No. 11-42, Public Notice, DA 16-1316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016) (Forbearance Guidance Public Notice).

throughout the Company's service territory.<sup>5</sup> Attached hereto is an Excel file that identifies the geographic areas by census block and associated Federal Information Processing Standards Code where RCN is availing itself of forbearance relief.<sup>6</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Steel', written over a horizontal line.

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<sup>5</sup> See Lifeline Modernization Order ¶¶ 300-301 (concluding that “that it is in the public interest to forbear, pursuant to section 10 of the Act, from requiring existing Lifeline-only ETCs to offer Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service”).

<sup>6</sup> See Forbearance Guidance Public Notice at 3-4.